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First question: Are you heading to Michigan Avenue for Oprah's Kickoff Party on Tuesday?

Second question: Do you have a phone with texting or tweeting capabilities?

If you answered yes, then we want to hear about your Oprah experience. Did your commute go awry? Did you shake Oprah's hand? Did you rock out to Black Eyed Peas? Share with us by tweeting or texting, and then visit redeyechicago.com/blog to see what everyone is saying.

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Workers move stage lights as people look on during the construction of the stage area.





People walk along Michigan Avenue on Monday between barricades in the 400 block of North Michigan Avenue. "The Oprah Winfrey Show" will be filmed live Tuesday from the stage on Michigan. (Left) Kitti Koon of Chicago takes photos of the stage setup. HEATHER CHARLES/TRIBUNE PHOTOS

## Counting down to Oprah's big party

### Crowds take in sights and sounds of car-free Michigan Avenue in advance of taping

### **Chicago Tribune**

With a glittering three-block swath of the Magnificent Mile magically closed to traffic Monday, it was as if a giant block party had been thrown on the famed street, courtesy of Oprah Winfrey.

Children pushed scooters, adults rode bikes and wide-eyed tourists snapped photographs from the normally gridlocked Michigan Avenue Bridge, the usual smells and sounds of exhaust and car horns replaced with a cool breeze and the impromptu wail of a street performer's saxophone.

A flood of Labor Day pedestrians took full advantage of the street closing carried out in preparation for Tuesday's kickoff of "The Oprah Winfrey Show."

Joey Kinnan, 9, along with his younger brother Neil, 5, rode their scooters on the bridge as their family watched from the iron railings now converted into an impromptu bench.

"You walk across this bridge hundreds of times, but it's always so crowded," said Joey's mother, Holly Machina, 41, an organizing consultant from Riverside who also has a condo downtown. "We've never used the bridge like this. To have it closed off is very fun."

"I think it's cool because I never really experienced riding a scooter on any street," Joey Kinnan said.

Also enjoying a view from the bridge was John Chikow, president and chief executive officer of the Greater North Michigan Avenue Association, which is composed of more than 800 businesses.

"It's a hoot," Chikow said. "Today and tomorrow are traditionally very slow tourism days."

Chikow was pleased to see the crowds merrily gawking away on the Mag Mile.

"All of this comes together to create an image that causes people to think, 'Maybe I should come to Chicago,'" he said. "For a struggling economy, this is a tremendous boost in terms of tourism awareness."

Dale and Yi May, who live at the nearby River Plaza Condos, decided to come down to take some pictures to mark the occasion.

"Why not?" said Dale May, a businessman. "We never get a chance to walk down the middle of the street. It's a treat."

Also taking advantage of the car-free zone was Jenny Aksteter, 35, an executive assistant who was on her bike, riding to a White Sox game.

"I absolutely love not having any traffic. It's so nice. You see the city in a different view," Aksteter said. "They should do it more often."

Not everyone was swept away by sunny Oprah euphoria. Earlier in the morning, some tourists were a tad grumpy at the street closing.

"I could care less," grumbled Daniel Nicholson, 58, visiting Chicago from the Quad Cities.

Alcino De Sousa, visiting with his wife from Canada, was troubled by the elaborate stage setup.

"I am against stopping traffic on a main street in Chicago," he said. And then, there was the stage itself.

"This is ugly," he said.

### Will Oprah impact your commute?

During Oprah's shindig, Michigan Avenue will be closed to vehicles from Wacker Drive to Ohio Street until 5 a.m. Wednesday. The sidewalks will be open for pedestrians, and there will be access to all buildings in that stretch of Michigan. But the Michigan Avenue Bridge may be closed to pedestrians during the show, which begins at 5 p.m. Tuesday. TRIBUNE

### **IF YOU GO**

The general-audience entrance, at the intersection of Michigan and Ohio, will open at noon Tuesday; the public will have no access to the area before then, the show said. Handicapped access is on Cityfront Plaza Drive, about one block east of Michigan.

Admission is free on a first-come, first-served basis until capacity is reached. The show's producers expect a crowd in the "thousands." All ages are welcome, but minors must be accompanied by an adult.

For those wanting to drive to see Oprah: the Sterling Self-Park on the southeast corner of LaSalle Drive and Kinzie Street is \$8 weekdays after 3 p.m. Michigan Avenue is a 10-minute stroll east from there.

### **CTA ROUTE CHANGES**

CTA bus routes that travel down Michigan will be detoured onto alternate streets where the extra traffic congestion will further affect other North Side CTA bus routes.

NORTHBOUND: These buses will generally divert west on Wacker to Dearborn, north on Dearborn to Ohio, and east on Ohio back to Michigan.

**SOUTHBOUND:** These buses will divert west on Ontario to Clark, south on Clark to Wacker, and east on either Wacker or Washington back to their regular routes.

**EASTBOUND only:** The overnight No. 66 will operate via Fairbanks, Columbus and South Water.

If the Michigan Avenue sidewalks are passable, you can catch all daytime buses by making your way to any bus stop north of Ohio (for northbound buses) or Ontario (for southbound buses).

If you're riding any North Side bus Tuesday, be prepared for major delays.

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### Oprah, Olympics: You make the call

### **Opportunities to shine**

Having just moved to Chicago from New York, I am both puzzled and concerned about local opposition to such publicity events as the Olympic bid and, to a lesser extent, Oprah's TV show on the Mag Mile ("Oprah detour," Sept. 2 cover story).

These types of events are exactly what this city needs to generate buzz around the country and world to increase its tourist destination profile.

While Chicagoans complain about exorbitant tax rates (I do not disagree), they should realize the boon that tourism can bring to the local economy. Tourism in New York creates jobs at hotels, restaurants and retail stores, all while raising billions in tax dollars that do not have to come from locals. While these publicity events may be a short-term nuisance, the long-term benefits will last long after the traffic subsides.

-BRIAN ESCHBACHER, 28, BUCKTOWN

### Don't blame the breed

So-called vicious dogs such as pit bull terriers, Rottweilers, Doberman pinschers and German shepherds are actually innately tame and easy to train ("The big dog debate," Aug. 24 cover story). These loyal canines are exploited by extremely malevolent and inhumane criminals who brutally transform the loyal and benign dogs into vicious animals that pose a threat to humans and other animals. Animal abusers need to be banned and quarantined as dangerous menaces to society.

-BRIEN COMERFORD, 49, GLENVIEW

### So long, D.C.

Thanks for the funny yet accurate column about D.C. citizens ("Sweet home, Chicago," Stephen Markley column, Sept. 2).

I moved to Chicago last year and despite its flaws, I love it here. No longer am I judged by my job. A person can be a sword-juggling world champion or security guard at Wrigley Field and people don't care. Chicagoans are a very diverse group of people. Not once have I heard anyone talk about their resumes here.

D.C. has its merits, but the snobby attitudes of its people suck.

-JADE TUNGJAIROB, 25, LINCOLN SQUARE



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### EX-GOV STILL POPPING UP EVERYWHERE

By Alexia Elejalde-Ruiz

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Set your TiVos: It's about to be all Blago, all the time—again.

With the official release Tuesday of his tellall book, "The Governor," Rod Blagojevich unleashes his biggest media blitzkrieg since January, when he made the talk show rounds proclaiming his innocence just before he was kicked out of office.

The "Today" show gets him Tuesday, and later "The View" (Wednesday) and "Jimmy Kimmel Live" (Thursday), among others.

In a stroke of fateful timing, the real-life spectacle begins as Second City wraps up "Rod Blagojevich: Superstar," the popular parody of the indicted-former-governor-turned-pop-icon. The show, which opened just after the first PR onslaught, ended its three-times-extended, seven-month run this weekend.

"It's such a right-time situation, the symmetry of it all," said actor Joey Bland, who played Blagojevich in the Second City show. "It's a little bit sad. We'll miss him, I think."

Of all the disgraced politicians in Illinois, none has captured the public's imagination quite like Blagojevich, whose cult-like pop culture status at times overshadows the criminal charges he faces for alleged abuses of power, including trying to sell the U.S. Senate seat vacated by President Obama last year.

His image has inspired art, his hair has inspired shampoo, and Blagojevich has kept himself in the spotlight with a radio show, a surprise karaoke performance and a book. The antics have been greeted with a mix of amusement and disgust, curiosity and horror—and, for some, the inability to look away.

"There is something really watchable about a guy who won't stay down," said Bland, 31, who lives in Rogers Park. "He's still on a mission, and I think people appreciate the relentlessness of that."

Bland said "Rod Blagojevich: Superstar" drew more consistently enthusiastic audiences than any show he's ever done. But the hearty applause he consistently received—and that Blagojevich himself received when he helped open the show one July night—shouldn't be confused with approval. After the show, Bland said, audience members would often congratulate the cast for skewering Blagojevich.

"It's like, 'What a victory for us to be able to laugh at this guy,'" Bland said.

Some people wonder whether it's appropriate to be laughing given the seriousness of the allegations against Blagojevich. And they take offense at what they view as Blagojevich dis-

Rod Blagojevich on air at WLS (890-AM).

YVETTE MARIE DOSTATNI FOR THE TRIBUNE

tastefully exploiting his notoriety to stay in the spotlight.

"It's all about what's in it for him," said Steven Miles, 38, of Evanston. "He'll capitalize on anything, even his own disgrace."

But Glenn Selig, Blagojevich's publicist, said the former governor is "doing what he has to do" to make money to support his family, as "it wasn't his choice to no longer be governor."

Far from making a joke of the charges against him, Selig said, Blagojevich's omnipresence on the airwaves and his unconventional endeavors are his way of getting his message out.

"Maybe he's doing the equivalent of standing

on top of a mountain top and saying, 'I didn't do this,'" Selig said. "This isn't about trying to make a mockery of anything. This is about trying to defend your honor." (Selig said Blagojevich was not available to comment for this article).

For some, Blagojevich's exposure is doing more harm than good.

"If this is his side, then his side is that he's just a clown," said Sarah Marx, 29, of Lincoln Square.

His loose lips also could be a danger to his defense, as he could be accused of perjury if anything he says in depositions or on trial is contradicted by his book or TV appearances, said Dick Simpson, head of the political science department at the University of Illinois at Chicago.

Simpson, a former alderman, said Blagojevich's TV blitz is unprecedented for a politician charged with a crime, as typically people obey the instructions of their lawyers not to say anything until the trial is over.

But Blagojevich lawyer Sam Adam Jr. said Blagojevich isn't a typical client.

"The more he gets out there and the more he expresses the truth, the better off he is," said Adam, who also was one of the trial attorneys on R. Kelly's defense team. As a result of the TV

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### Being Blagojevich

Call him a pop icon, a buffoon, a crook or an innocent guy trying to clear his name. The headlines Rod Blagojevich has made since he was kicked out of office in January seem to have covered it all. Here's a look back at the mark Blagojevich has left on pop culture. ALEXIA ELEJALDE-RUIZ, REDEYE



### **REALITY TV**

When a judge wouldn't permit Blagojevich to go to Costa Rica to compete in "I'm a Celebrity, Get Me Out of Herel" this summer, his wife Patti went instead. She almost got swept away when crossing a river and later ate a dead tarantula. She made it to fourth place.

### **SECOND CITY**

Not only did Second City launch the successful "Rod Blagojevich: Superstar" (sample lyrics from the opening song: "Rod Blagojevich, superstar, you're just as nuts as we think you are"), but Blagojevich himself helped open the show and did improv with the cast during one performance. The most specific critique Blagojevich had of the show, lead actor Joey Bland said, was that the hairbrush they used as a prop wasn't big enough. Blago later mailed Bland his actual hairbrush model.

### KARAOKE

Hired to perform at a downtown block party, Blagojevich sang Elvis Presley's "Treat Me Nice" and did a bit of impersonation: swiveling his hips, popping his collar and swirling his arm. A YouTube video of the scene shows onlookers at turns cheering and dumbfounded.

### ART

The now-iconic stencil image of Blagojevich jogging in his black track suit inspired the art show "Run, Blago, Run," held in July in Bucktown. Artist Ray Noland said the image became "a metaphor for him running around, defending his case." Another featured artist, Lauri Apple, said the Blago-inspired art is a commentary on a "media-saturated culture. He's turning to the media for salvation."

### **DAVID LETTERMAN**

Just before his impeachment trial in January, Blagojevich sat down with Letterman and said: "I've been wanting to be on your show in the worst way for the longest time." Letterman responded: "Well, you're in the worst

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way, believe me.'

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Launched in
August, the former
governor's official
Web site proclaims
that "... even as he
awaits trial, he's
making history
and headlines ...
as a champion
for ordinary
Americans." The site
features a photo of
Blagojevich with
Heidi Montag and
Spencer Pratt.

### **RADIO**

With a two-hour radio show every Sunday on WLS (890-AM) (noon-2 p.m.), Blagojevich "became the first former elected official facing charges to be named host of his own radio show," according to a press release from Team Blago.

### **BURGER**

The "Bleepin' Blago Burger" at Kuma's Corner brought even more crowds to the already-packed qourmet burger haven. Available

> last January, the burger was topped with a thick slice of bologna and processed American cheese on grilled Wonder Bread. The yellow mustard was squirted in the

shape of a dollar sign.

### **SHAMPOO**

Blagojevich's infamous mane inspired Dennis Fath of Elk Grove Village to produce a volumizing shampoo and conditioner (\$8 each, \$15 for the pair). The golden-colored product contains silk protein, vitamin E and extracts of green tea, rosemary, comfrey and orchid. Fath estimates he has sold a total of 4,500 bottles. (blagohair.

### Blago as a muse

Calling all Blago-inspired artists. The Blago Project, part of this year's Ravenswood ArtWalk (RAW), is accepting submissions until Oct. 1.

So far, more than 50 pieces of Blagojevichthemed art have been submitted, including paintings, sculptures and multimedia work. They'll be featured during RAW, a two-day festival dedicated to art and industry on the Ravenswood Corridor, which will be held Oct. 3 and 4 on Ravenswood Avenue between Cornelia and Lawrence Avenues.

And what better place to showcase Blago art than in Blagojevich's former campaign offices?

That's right, the Blago Project takes place in the former wire-tapped offices of "Friends of Blagojevich," at 4147 N. Ravenswood Ave., which was raided by the feds last December.

"The purpose of this exhibit is to enhance open commentary of the alleged corruption and salacious rumor, accusation and innuendo that has been hiding in the Ravenswood Corridor," said Laura Engel, vice president of RAW, said in a press release. Visit ravenswoodartwalk. org for more info. A.E.R.

appearances and quirky endeavors, Blagojevich "has become human, he has become a nice guy," Adam said.

"You have an indicted, impeached [former] governor of a state, and people want their picture taken with him," Adam said.

Artist Lauri Apple, whose Blago-inspired art was featured in the "Run, Blago, Run" art show in July, said Blagojevich's folksy way and his "made-for-TV-movie" backstory have helped turn him into a celebrity.

"All you needed was for him to be having affairs, and it would have been perfect," said Apple, 33, of Lakeview. "It's the Rod Blagojevich

telenovela."

For Ray Noland, the artist whose stencil depiction of Blagojevich running in his black track suit was spotted on walls and under viaducts throughout the city, the public's fascination with that now-iconic image speaks to Blagojevich's appeal.

Many people perceive him as pulling back the curtain on how elected officials operate, Noland said.

"There is something about him, something about his persona, something about this case," said Noland, 36, of Pilsen. "There's something there for people, and it's not going away."

But some Blago-inspired entrepreneurs feel the cult of Blagojevich is fading.

INIZING SHAMPOO

When Dennis Fath in May launched his Blago line of volumizing shampoo and conditioner, he was getting 400 orders a day, and his lab in Elk Grove Village couldn't keep up with demand. Now, Fath said, he gets 15 to 20 orders a week.

"A lot of people bought it as a gag gift, they laughed, and now they're done with it," said Fath, president of Delta Laboratories, which manufacturers personal care products.

He's trying to determine if he can turn the shampoo from a gimmick into a legitimate

product, as many customers ended up actually liking what the product did for their hair.

Second City's Bland, meanwhile, can't get enough of Blagojevich.

Upon meeting the former governor, Bland discovered that the real Blago, while "a supernice guy," is much like the Blago he played on stage: someone who seeks to be the center of attention no matter what, whether he's delivering the joke or the butt of it.

"I can't wait to see what he does next," Bland said. "If he started a chain of restaurants, I'd be all for it, I'd go. It's like a circus."

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### Coach out of hospital

### **Chicago Tribune**

A community league baseball coach shot in an altercation with a player he had pulled from a game was released from the hospital Monday despite having two bullets still lodged in his body, said a league official.

Glynn Hall, 44, was "in good spirits," said J.C. McDowell, president of a Chicago chapter of the National Adult Baseball Association.

McDowell said Hall apologized to him for the confrontation that led to the shooting and even expressed concern for the suspect, who remained at large Monday evening. "He asked how the shooter was doing," McDowell said. "He's got no ill-will toward him. I've known [Hall] for three years, and that's just the kind of guy he is." The shooting erupted Saturday at Abbott Park near 95th Street and Michigan Avenue in Roseland.

A teammate of the suspect told WGN-Ch. 9 that the player became upset when the coach removed him from the game. An argument ensued in the dugout until a teammate stepped in and kicked the suspect out.

McDowell said the player, described as 19 or 20 years old, had been arguing with Hall over playing time for "a couple of months," but that the coach and the league did not think he was capable of violence.

### Wine tasting offers shots

### **Chicago Tribune**

Nervous about getting a flu shot? Worried that taking the time to get inoculated will interfere with your social life? If so, Dr. Scott Hanlon can help. The board-certified family practice physician hopes to ease needle anxieties with the unlikely pairing of flu shots and wine tasting.

The event runs from 7 to 9 p.m. Sept. 17 at the South Loop Wine Cellar, 1442 S. Michigan Ave.

"For \$40, someone can come in and they can get their vaccine and they can enjoy a sampling of wine," he said. But is drinking and vaccinating safe?

"There's no medical reason not to have a glass of wine and receive a vaccine," said Dr. Julie Morita, medical director for the immunization program at the Chicago Department of Public Health. "However, when we provide vaccines, we do it in a clinical setting and do not provide alcohol."



Ayree Green, 8, gets a haircut Monday from barber Marquis Singleton at Cain's Barber College as part of the 10th annual free haircut day for students. MICHAEL TERCHA/TRIBUNE

### CPS students make the cut

### **Chicago Tribune**

Several hundred thousand students return to Chicago public schools on Tuesday, and incoming senior Anthony Slater said many will arrive with the same pressing goal.

"Nobody wants to come to school on the first day looking like they have nothing," explained Slater, who attends Walter H. Dyett High School. "Everyone wants to dress to impress."

To be sure, some of the district's students can expect to grapple with larger issues throughout the school year, such as cash-strapped classrooms, the pressure of standardized tests and neighborhood violence.

But on the very first day, a reunion of sorts, looking sharp to classmates old and new can feel especially important.

To ease the transition and help boost attendance, seven barber shops and hair salons on Chicago's South and West Sides threw open their doors Monday, offering free 'dos to hundreds of students whose families struggle with back-to-school costs.

"We think it's really important for students to have self esteem," said Howard Lathan, associate executive director at the Chicago Area Project, which helped organize the 10th annual free haircut day.

"If we can make sure students are there on the first day, it will help with their overall attendance."

Each year, district officials make a big push to get students in class the first day, saying it helps boost state aid and makes it more likely students will stick with it.

At Cain's Barber College on East 51st Street, clippers buzzed and hair dryers roared as boys and girls took to orange swivel chairs.

Amber Beatha, a sophomore at Dyett High School, beamed as her hair was shaped into a slick, sleek bob.

"It was all over my head before," she said.

While she was nervous about her new classes and meeting new students, Beatha felt emboldened by her new haircut.

### Driver cited in girl's death

Citations were issued against the driver of a vehicle that struck and killed a 5-year-old girl as she rode her bicycle Sunday on her West Rogers Park block, Chicago police said Monday. The driver was cited for failing to stop when emerging from an alley after the vehicle hit the girl, Ester Kenig, as she rode the bike in the 6100 block of North Sacramento Avenue about 5:30 p.m.

### Fire in Bridgeport under control

Chicago firefighters responded to a fire in a vacant warehouse near the Bridgeport neighborhood at about 2:15 p.m. Monday. About an hour later the fire was under control, officials said. There were no injuries reported in the blaze at 3033 S. Damen Ave. The building is in an area surrounded by Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal to the north and the Stevenson Expressway to the south.

### Metra on track to take plastic

Metra on Wednesday is scheduled to roll out its new "user-friendly" Web site, which it promises will allow customers to personalize their commute and accept credit cards for the purchase of tickets. The Web site has been completely redesigned and modernized to offer passengers the latest technology, officials said.

### Fatal stabbing on Southwest Side

A man was stabbed to death Monday following an argument in his Southwest Side home, police said. Eloy Gonzalez, 31, of the 2800 block of South Christiana Avenue in Little Village, was pronounced dead at Mt. Sinai Hospital, according to the Cook County medical examiner's office. Gonzalez was involved in an argument with another man in his residence when he was stabbed. TRIBUNE

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### **Another Jakarta guake**

The U.S. Geological Survey says a 6.1-magnitude earthquake hit the main Indonesian island of Java. There were no reports of casualties or damage. Last week, a 7.0-magnitude quake shook Java, killing at least 64 people.

### A thrilling attempt

Nine hundred zombies, aliens and Nine nunarea zomiores, anema Star Wars Stormtroopers boogled to Michael Jackson's "Thriller" in Atlanta on Sunday as part of the Dragon Con convention. If officials approve, they will have set a new Guinness World Record.

### **Bridge delay**

Transit officials are advising drivers who use the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge to begin preparing alternate plans for their commute, saying they don't know if the span will reopen as scheduled at 5 a.m. Tuesday. It was shut down so a section could be replaced.

### **Break in serial case?**

The Milwaukee Journal Sentinel reported Monday that police had arrested a suspect in connection with the killings of seven women, including six suspected prostitutes, over a 21-year period that started in 1986. The paper reported that a 49-year-old Milwaukee man was arrested Saturday.

### No kissing!

The cheek-to-cheek peck that the French use to say hello or goodbye has come under pressure from a globalized threat: swine flu. Some French schools, companies and a Health Ministry hot line are telling people to avoid the ritual out of fear the pandemic could make it the kiss of death.

### **Merriman issues statement**

San Diego Chargers linebacker Shawne Merriman said in a statement Sunday that he was worried for Tila Teguila's safety because she appeared to be intoxicated and he didn't want her to drive. He was arrested early Sunday and released and accused of choking and restraining the reality TV star.



A female journalist was convicted Monday of public indecency for wearing trousers, but was spared a sentence of flogging. A defiant Lubna Hussein said she would not pay a \$200 fine and would take a month in prison instead to protest Sudan's draconian morality laws. GETTY IMAGES





### Red carpet day

Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez received a movie star welcome Monday at the Venice Film Festival, where he walked the red carpet with director Oliver Stone for the premiere of the documentary "South of the Border."

### **THE DIGIT**

Amount fire agencies have spent so far fighting the deadly wildfires near L.A. that started Aug. 26.

### **Obama tells** students to listen up

WASHINGTON In a speech that drew fire even before he delivered it, President Obama is telling the nation's schoolchildren he "expects great things from each of you."

"At the end of the day, we can have the most dedicated teachers, the most supportive parents, and

NEWS ... President Obama declared Monday that modern benefits like

**IN OTHER OBAMA** 

paid leave, minimum wage and Social Security "all bear the union label," as he appealed to organized labor to help him win the health care fight in Congress.

the best schools in the world," Obama said. "And none of it will matter unless all of you fulfill your responsibilities."

The White House posted Obama's remarks on its Web site at midday Monday. He's scheduled to deliver the talk from a school in suburban Arlington, Va., on Tuesday.

Obama's planned talk has proven controversial, with several conservative organizations and individuals accusing him of trying to pitch his arguments too aggressively in a local-education setting. White House officials, including Education Secretary Arne Duncan, have said the allegations

In the remarks set for Tuesday, Obama tells young people that all the work of parents, educators and others won't matter "unless you show up for those schools, pay attention to those teachers."

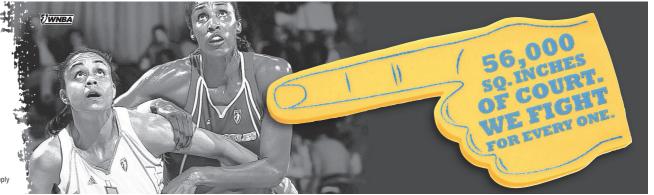
Obama made no reference in his prepared remarks to the uproar surrounding his speech. Nor did he make an appeal for support of tough causes like health care reform. He used the talk to tell kids about his at-times clumsy ways as a child and to urge them to identify an area of interest, set goals and work hard to achieve them.

The president acknowledged that "it's hard to be successful," but told the students the country badly needs their best effort to cope in an increasingly competitive global economy.



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### sports **POP QUIZ** Do you know your Bears receivers? 1. Which former Bears 1st-round pick at receiver recently had a tryout with the Chiefs following a threeyear layoff? 2. Which undrafted player was the Bears' leading receiver during the 1993 season? 3. Who was the last Bears receiver to catch a touchdown at Lambeau Field? 4. Who was the first Bears receiver to catch a touchdown at Lambeau? (named Lambeau Field in 5. When was the last time the Bears had a 1,000-yard receiver? TRIBUNE Devin Hester in Answers: action during 1. David Terrell the preseason. 2. Tom Waddle, with 44 catches for 552 yards. 3. Bernard Berrian in 2006 (49 yards). 4. Dick Gordon in 1970 (69 vards). 5. 2002, with Marty Booker (1,189 yards on 97 catches).

# Defending DefeNIN

Hester's on the right track, critics aren't, teammates say

### **Chicago Tribune**

The criticism started two seasons ago in Philadelphia, after Devin Hester wandered over to then-teammate Muhsin Muhammad pre-snap for clarity on a play.

Bears receivers coach Darryl Drake would tell you Hester's action signified a young receiver coming of age by turning to the right person for help. But skeptics viewed it as a talented player incapable of picking up the offense.

"Devin was doing the right thing because we were in a no-huddle situation," Drake recalled. "He was the widest guy, so he has to come in and get the play. I don't want him running all the way inside then having to run all the way back."

Detractors still question Hester's football intellect, wondering why he was unable to connect with gunslinger Jay Cutler several times in exhibition play. Hester humbly accepted blame even though there was enough fault to spread around.

When Hester was first converted to a receiver from cornerback following the 2006 season, Drake was the first to say it would be a three-year process. Based on Hester's success as a return man—and his 81-yard touchdown reception against the Vikings in his first year at receiver—most expected him to blossom immediately and



### **TILLMAN PRACTICES**

Bears cornerback Charles Tillman (above) likened his chances of playing Sunday night against Green Bay to a coin flip.

Tillman returned to practice Monday for the first time since undergoing back surgery in mid-July. The Bears removed him from the physically-unable-to-perform list Saturday, assuring he would not miss the first six weeks of the season.

That does not necessarily mean Tillman will be fully ready for Sunday's showdown.

"I don't know of anyone who likes to watch on the sideline, other than fans," Tillman said. "Me? I'm a player. I want to be out on the field." TRIBUNE

put up 1,000-yard seasons with as much ease as his 11 kick returns for touchdowns.

Hester's evolution, now in Year 3, should be clearly evident Sunday night in Green Bay as the Bears kick off the season against the rival Packers. The Bears have enough offensive weapons, including Matt Forte and Greg Olsen, to allow Cutler to spread the ball around. In the end, the label of No. 1 receiver might be meaningless.

But Hester, third on the team in receiving last season with 51 catches to go with a team-high 665 yards, no doubt wants to elevate his game to that elite level so he doesn't struggle against pressing defensive backs.

Olsen, who also played with Hester at the University of Miami, notices his teammate's growth on a daily basis.

"Sometimes he feels things, does things like on the playground ... he just has a good sense of getting open and finding the soft spots in the zones," Olsen said.

Tight end Desmond Clark also believes people have unfairly scrutinized Hester's ability to catch on as a receiver.

"It does irk you when people say he's not picking things up," Clark said. "The fact is, from 2007 to 2009, he's 200 times better as a receiver."

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It's less than a week before the Bears opener, and I'm ...

What is your gut telling you about the Bears?

How are you feeling about the Bears wide receivers?

What's your Cubs or White Sox interest level right now?

What do you know after one weekend of college football games?



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... suddenly craving Bear-y Chill.

My gut's telling me I should either do some crunches or play on the offensive line.

Depends, does Matt Forte count as a wide receiver?

I'm more interested in what Jay Cutler has for breakfast. Answer: venom.

If he's banned from the NFL, Oregon's LeGarrette Blount has a future in boxing.



### **LEO EBERSOLE**

... beginning to lose hope that Brett Basanez will be the starting quarterback.

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with Devin Hester as a decoy.

The Cubs have flat-lined. The

Sox are on life support ... but

Here we go again. How many

No. 1s will fall this year and will

the Buckeyes get pounded in

fighting to stay alive.

another title game?

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### Imperfect win

Mark Buehrle was perfect. And then, for six weeks, he was winless.

Buehrle won for the first time since his gem on July 23, ending his eight-start drought by pitching the White Sox over the Boston Red Sox 5-1 on Monday.

As if he needed a reminder, his teammates let Buehrle know how long it had been.

"A couple of guys joked around and said I got to buy them something like I did on the perfect game and the nohitter," Buehrle said. "It's obviously nice to go out there and score some runs."

Buehrle (12-7) outpitched

Josh Beckett (14-6), scattering eight hits over seven-plus innings. The White Sox lefty had been 0-4 with a 5.44 ERA since his perfect game against Tampa Bay.

Carlos Quentin hit a two-run homer in the eighth as the White Sox took three of four from the AL wild-card leaders.

### **Guillen: I don't care**

After the mundane questions were out of the way, manager Ozzie Guillen went on a dissertation about his blunt style that seems to shock or irritate outsiders and sometimes his players. "When you're honest, everything's out there," Guillen said Monday. "That's the way it is. That's the way baseball should be. That's why a lot of managers get fired. Because they worry about what to say, what to do, who to please. They're scared of a couple players because they make \$20 million. The 23 others, they don't care. I don't care, I really don't."

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### **MLB Cubs at**

It certainly would help the Cubs if they played

### White Sox vs. **Oakland**

team.

### **CUBS 4. PIRATES 2**

The Cubs assured the Pirates of an unwanted place in baseball's record book-their 17th straight losing season—getting two homers from Derrek Lee and a start from Ted Lilly in beating the last-place Pirates 4-2 on Monday.

No. 1 Roger Federer won his 38th straight match at the U.S. Open on Monday, moving into the quarterfinals with a victory over No. 14 Tommy Robredo, In women's play, Melanie Oudin advanced to the quarterfinals, beating No. 13 Nadia Petrova 1-6, 7-6 (2), 6-3.



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### Sherschooled: Sherry

Bin 36's Brian Duncan dishes on drinking this lesser-known style of wine

### **By Lisa Arnett**

Think sherry is scary? Whether you think you're not grown-up enough to drink it or just feel too uninformed to dip into that part of the wine list, you're

But there's good reason to give this style of wine a try the next time you're out, says Brian Duncan, known for his food and wine-pairing prowess as wine director at Bin 36. "It's an inexpensive way to enhance a meal and to interject some variety into your dining experience," he says. And he should know. "Instead of having keggers when I was in college, I used to have dinner parties."



### WHAT IS SHERRY?

Just as champagne, by definition, is sparkling wine produced in the Champagne region of France, sherry is a fortified wine made in the Jerez region of southwestern Spain. To fortify a wine, producers add a distilled beverage—in the case of sherry, it's usually brandy—after fermentation but before aging. The result? A higher alcohol content, sometimes up to 15 percent to 17 percent, which means you'll want to sip sherry slowly. On a wine list, you'll usually find it near other fortified wines named for the regions they hail from, such as port from Portugal and madeira from the Madeira Islands.

### WHEN TO DRINK IT

Next to the fact that it's usually offered by the glass in bars and restaurants (and is relatively inexpensive), the coolest thing about sherry, says Duncan, is that it "can take your meal from beginning to end." Though sherries are known for pairing well with dessert, they have a much wider appeal. "People are shocked in the restaurant when we trot them out and pair them with different things. They sometimes think of [sherry just as] the bottle that was in their grandmother's cupboard."

Sherries are produced in wineries called bodegas and aged for a minimum of three years, but the wide variety of sherries available results from a number of factors besides aging, such as exposure to air, blending of grapes and the use or removal of flor, a blanket of yeast that spontaneously develops as it



### TYPES OF SHERRY

Three types of grapes-moscatel, pedro ximenez and palomino-account for several different kinds of sherries, many of which are blends. Here's a basic breakdown:



### **FINO AND MANZANILLA**

Tasting notes: These strawcolored sherries are "the driest categories ... sort of nutty and salty," says Duncan.

Try them with: Soups. shellfish, seafood, cheese

### **AMONTILLADO AND PALO CORTADO**

Tasting notes: "They're more amber-hued, and they all share nutty flavors like hazelnuts and walnuts and almonds."

Try them with: Mushrooms. artichokes and meat dishes such as lamb, meatballs or pate

### **OLOROSO** Tasting notes: Meaning

"scented" in Spanish, these sherries are "off-dry, real fullbodied, and they range in color from sort of a rich amber to a dark mahogany," he says. "They go with things that are more boldly flavored."

Try it with: Sausages, chorizo.

### MOSCATEL AND **PEDRO XIMENEZ**

### **Tasting notes:**

Deepest in color and the most viscous of the sherry family, these varieties often have a raisiny flavor resulting from the sun-dried grapes they're made from. Duncan notes that "they have a silkier mouth feel ... and would take the place of a dessert wine.'

Try them with: Chocolate, rich savory dishes such as fois gras

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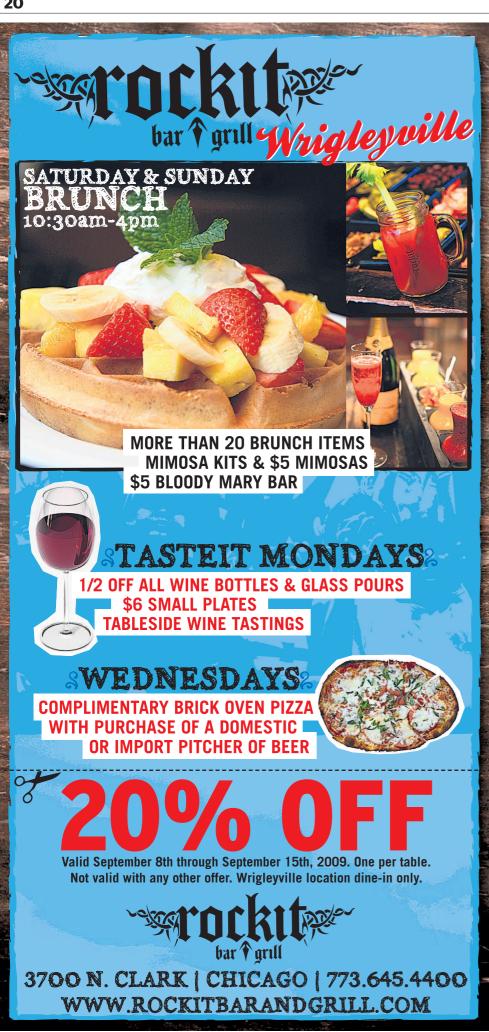
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The variety of sherries available means you could feasibly pair every course of your meal with sherry, but you don't have to start out that way. Easy firsttime pairings are with soup or dessert, Duncan says, "I actually prefer sherry with soup over wine. Or you can do it with a cheese course. Sherry has this inherent nuttiness to it, so chocolate and nut-based desserts are always really great companions.

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Sydney and Auggie may have a love-hate relationship on the CW's relaunched "Melrose Place," but the actors who play them, Laura Leighton and Colin Egglesfield, obviously share a mutual admiration.

It was evident during a recent interview at the Peninsula Hotel, when "Melrose" vet Leighton had a fun time teasing her young co-star Egglesfield, with whom she shares many a steamy scene.

When Egglesfield, who grew up in Crete and spent a lot of time in Chicago, denied that viewers will see him shirtless during most of those scenes, Leighton piped up.

**LL:** "I would say there are a lot [of shirtless scenes]."

CE: "Oh really? I think I've done—"

**LL:** "One in every episode."

CE: [Laughs.] "Not quite."

**LL:** "The writers are in the room going, 'Now which scene in this episode should we have him take his shirt off?'"

### Do you enjoy those shirtless scenes?

CE: "Well, I—you know—"

**LL:** "Are you asking me if I enjoy that, or Colin? ... Yes, it



worked [for me]."

**CE:** "OK. Well, then, let's leave it at that, OK? I'm glad my going to the gym has been for your benefit."

**LL:** [Laughs.] "I'm just an audience member; I'm just going to speak for the audience right now."

Audience members are going to love the turbulent story of Sydney and Auggie, who come together at an AA meeting but soon are boozing, brawling and generally behaving badly. It's all shown in flashbacks, because the show's creators waste no time in killing off Leighton's character. The series' main story focuses on finding her murderer—that is, if she's dead.

Neither Leighton nor Egglesfield would confirm nor deny anything, but agreed that they love acting out the show's new, noirish tone

"It's dark and I love it. I love that it's moody. That really appealed to me,"

Leighton said. "I think that we get cool insight into the characters through their flashbacks, because their memories are a little fuzzy."

Her comment drew a laugh from Egglesfield. "They were drunk all the time."



### Sagal plays one tough mother

Cable TV may be filled with strong female characters, but I wouldn't put any of them up against Katey Sagal's Gemma Teller Morrow on "Sons of Anarchy."

Gemma is one tough lady.

"There's some soft and fuzzy, but not much," Sagal told me as she described her character,

who shows what she's made of in the shocking Season 2 premiere of the FX drama, airing at 9 p.m. Tuesday.

Gemma is put through the ringer, and according to Sagal, what happens to her is the catalyst for the entire season's emotional arc. Gemma makes a great sacrifice for her son, her husband and the Sons of Anarchy motorcycle club that she considers her family. It's a position with which Sagal, a mother of three and wife of "SOA" creator Kurt Sutter, can identify.

"Family's extremely important to me," she said in describing how much of her personality exists in Gemma. "I think you get some of [my] loyalty and commitment. ... I'm not pushed to those kind of limits. But you know, I'd think twice before crossing my kids. I might get in your face."

Lanter

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### The bad boy's back

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Anarchy

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Since moving to the "90210" Zip code last season, bad boy Liam Court has gotten into plenty of fights, bedded older women and broken hearts.

But Matt Lanter, the 26-year-old Georgia native who plays the teen Lothario, doesn't remember his high school days being anywhere near that dramatic.

"We were not that sexy and not that cool. A good time to us was maybe some beer and if someone had a hot tub or a pool at their house," he told me during a recent phone interview. "These guys, they're hanging out on hundred foot yachts and going to the beach. Definitely

not the life I lived in high school."

Things don't calm down for Lanter's character when the new season of the CW drama kicks off Tuesday. He's trying to get back together with Naomi (AnnaLynne McCord) after being tricked into sleeping with her older sister, Jen (Sara Foster), but Jen is keeping them apart.

"Oh man, it gets worse. It gets definitely worse," Lanter said of his character's troubles. "I kind of feel like Liam and Naomi are going to be a power couple on this series. ... Before they get together, if they do, I think there's going to be a lot 'oh' moments."



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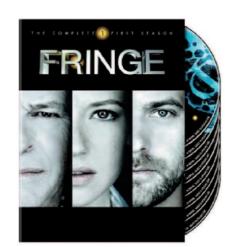
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### TV ON DVD

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All I want for Christmas, actually sooner, is a Blu-ray DVD player. The "Fringe" Blu-ray edition offers the most revealing special featuresix segments



in which experts connect the science at work in specific scenes with those funky onscreen graphics we've all been trying to figure out. As it is, the DVD set I screened offers tons of interesting extras about how the show's freaky "Fringe" cases are filmed, plus a gag reel and features on Gene the Cow, casting the show, the special effects and stunt work, and a whole lot more. They are all fascinating and entertaining, but none really answer my questions about the show's mythology. curt wagner, redeve

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### Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23

Addictions from the old days could be tempting you

again. You're thinking about that no- so-legal drug you used to enjoy or that slightly shameful sexual practice you once experimented with. Mercury is trying to pull you to the dark side. The Force is with you!



### Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 21

You're a good judge of people, but even you might not see

this one coming. Someone who is completely off your mental radar has a massive crush on you. Pay attention. Mars is showing you that attractions can happen in weird ways.



### **Sagittarius** Nov. 22-Dec. 21

A moon opposition is reminding you that love can

be a bitch. Your honey wants to break up. Too bad he just asked you to marry him last week. Your girlfriend "suddenly" remembers that she still has feelings for her ex. Oh, goody.



### Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 19

As Pluto goes direct in your sign, you'll finally

feel like you're in the right social group. You have friends you can count on, family members you can trust and a sexy someone to spend quality time with. It doesn't get better than this.



### Aquarius Jan. 20-Feb. 18

Sometimes you have a hard time figuring out what

you feel. You live so much in your head that it's difficult for you to listen to your heart. Mercury is telling you to connect with your emotions in a more authentic way.



### **Pisces** Feb. 19-March 20

Your psychic abilities are out of

control. You'll know exactly what

your current lover is up to. You'll be able to sense what your friends are feeling and offer the appropriate advice. The moon is turning you into Miss Cleo.



### Aries

March 21-April 19 Sometimes you can be too impatient. You haven't

met Mr. or Ms. Right, so you're wondering if you should settle for Mr. OK or Ms. Mediocre. Don't do it. Jupiter is reminding you that it can take a while for that special soulmate to turn up.



### **Taurus**

April 20-May 20 You'll be inspired to come up with a sexy new scheme. You'll

launch a seduction straight out of the pages of the Kama Sutra. Or you'll attack your lover with a pile of sex toys. Mars says don't be too pushy, though.



### Gemini

May 21-June 21 Mercury in retrograde is bumming you out. You're

wondering if you should call up your psychotic former flame. After all, he was only crazy half the time. Or maybe you should hook up with that cute girl with the subnormal IQ. Brains aren't everything, right? Wrong.



### Cancer

June 22-July 22 You're pissed off at your extended social circle.

You've had it with your parents telling you it's time to pump out rugrats or your college friends pressuring you to get married and buy a house. Pluto says stand your ground.



### Leo

July 23-Aug. 22 Venus in your sign is making you lusty.

You'll want to turn off the TV and the phone, and schedule a 24-hour sexual marathon with your partner. If you're single, you'll be tempted to hook up with someone just to blow off some steam.



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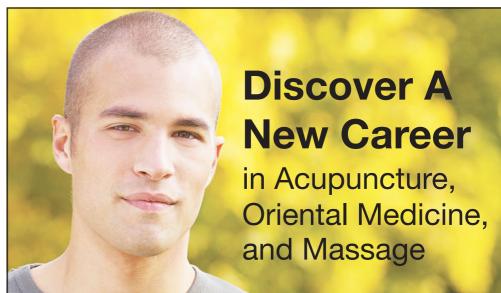
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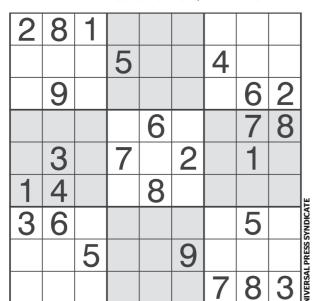
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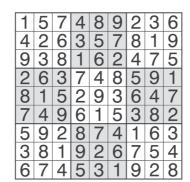
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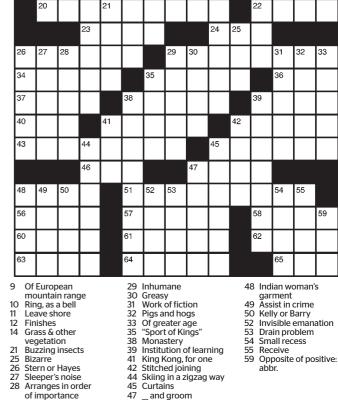
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### buddy system

### By Ariel Alexovich | FOR REDEYE

Jason Segel and LiLo: Party buddies? The "How I Met Your Mother" star and the actress were spotted hanging out on the L.A. club scene over the weekend, **radaronline.com** reports. It threw us aback, at first, to see one of TV's nice guys hitting up Hollywood's Chateau Marmont with the train-wreck pop star, but why not? Lindsay and Jason are both used to sharing the stage with moody Brits—Samantha Ronson and Russell Brand, respectively.

The Lohan-Segel pairing makes us realize that the "How I Met Your Mother" cast does a surprisingly great job of staying out of the gossip headlines.

To which we say: Boo! Listen, guys—you're young, rich and attractive. Follow Segel's example. We've even picked out a celebutante pal to get you started. **ARIEL ALEXOVICH IS A REDEVE SPECIAL CONTRIBUTOR**.

### Josh Radnor and Kim Kardashian

Radnor is a serious Broadway actor who starred in "The Graduate" opposite Kathleen Turner, and aspiring actress Kardashian already takes herself way too seriously. Bonus: They've met. Kardashian did a guest spot (as herself, of course)

### Colbie Smulders and Avril Lavigne

Lavigne is a for-

mer Canadian teen idol, and Smulders plays a former Canadian teen idol on TV.
Sure, Robin Sparkles is more bubblegum than Lavigne's grungy angst rock (though we hear some echoes of "Let's Go To the Mall" in "Sk8er Boi"), but you can't underestimate the power of poutine as a bonding tool.

### Alyson Hannigan and Kristen Stewart

It's hard being human in a vampire's world, and no one knows that better than this pair of petite, glossy-maned starlets.

### Neil Patrick Harris and Brody Jenner

Dude, putting these two Type-A's together would be legen ... wait for it... dary. Love them or hate them, no two men would look as good tearing up the town in a pair of Armani suits. SEPTEMBER 8, 2009 ▮ REDEYE

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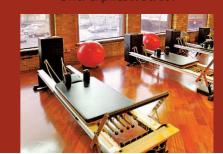


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# **SHOWDOWN**

Tuesday's the big day for talk. In case you haven't heard, Oprah Winfrey is shutting down the Mag Mile for a taping of her show (more on that on Page 3). Meanwhile, talk diva Tyra Banks is declaring Sept. 8 "National Real Hair Day" to coincide with the season premiere of "The Tyra Banks Show" in which she pledges to show off her real hair—no weaves or anything. Which talker is bigger news? Time for a mini Faceoff!

### Faceoff!

### **THE STUNT**

OPRAH: Shutting down the Mag Mile from Wacker Drive to Ohio Street until 5 a.m. Wednesday.

TYRA: Showing off her never-beforeseen real locks

### **GENEROSITY**

OPRAH: Once gave everyone in her studio audience cars.

TYRA: Insisted Wednesday's "America's Next Top Model" premiere feature women shorter than industry standard 5-foot-7-inches.

**OPRAH:** Big on the suits.

TYRA: She's a model, people



Watson

### Jay-Z's early surprise

THE VELVET ROPE

Jay-Z will celebrate the anniversary of "The Blueprint" a little early. The release date for "The Blueprint 3," which was scheduled to drop on the album's eight-year anniversary Friday, was moved up to Tuesday over the weekend because the record was leaked online, according to nme.com. The album still is scheduled for a Monday release in the UK, the site reported.



Ludacris with Ella Me Johnson, who just received keys to her car. AP

### Ludacris giveaway

You get a car, and you get a car and you get a car! Ludacris pulled an Oprah this weekend. teaming up with a local car dealership to give away 20 used cars to those in need Sunday in Atlanta, the Atlanta Journal-Constitution reports. About 4,000 contestants submitted a 300-word essay to the rapper's foundation, explaining why they deserved a car.

### Megan wants a TV show

Megan Hauserman's reality show may have been canceled, but don't count her out of the

"I really enjoy being on TV and I love my fans," the UIC grad, whose "Megan Wants a Millionaire" was pulled after the apparent suicide of one of the contestants (unrelated

to the show), told people.com. "I want to continue doing TV work."

Hauserman calls the ordeal an, "upsetting, sad, tragic situation," but adds that she's "happy to move forward."

### Star pupil

New student Emma Watson arrived at Brown University over the weekend, but not by Hogwarts Express.

The "Harry Potter" star reportedly arrived on campus via helicopter, which kind of makes one doubt her stated desire to be a normal student at the Ivy League school in Providence, R.I. "I want to be normal," she was quoted as saying this summer in the Guardian newspaper in England. "I

properly, like everyone else." Well, she's off to a great start.

really want anonymity. I want to do it

15.4 million

Approximate box-office haul of "The Final Destination" over the four-day Labor Day weekend, according to the Los Angeles Times, making it the No. 1 movie for the second consecutive week.